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Problem Set 2

1. Let  $A = (0, 2, 3, 3)$  and  $B = (1, -1, 2, 3)$  be two points in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Find the equation of straight line passing through  $A$  and  $B$  express it in standard form.

2. Find the equation of the plane  $\Pi$  containing the straight line

$$L : \frac{x-4}{2} = \frac{y-3}{5} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$$

and the point  $P(2, -4, 2)$ .

3. Find the equation of the straight line given by the intersection of two planes  $\Pi_1 : x + y - z = 1$  and  $\Pi_2 : x + 2y + 2z = 3$ .

4. Let  $\Pi : x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 + x_4 + 3 = 0$  be an affine hyperplane and let  $P = (7, 21, -7, 3)$  be a point in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

(a) Find the projection  $Q$  of the point  $P$  on  $\Pi$ .

(b) Find the image  $P'$  of  $P$  under the reflection across  $\Pi$

(c) Let  $L : (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (7, 21, -7, 3) + t(3, 10, -4, 4)$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , be a straight line passing through  $P$ . Find the equation of the straight line  $L'$  which is the reflection of  $L$  across  $\Pi$ .

5. Find the equation(s) of the plane(s)  $\Pi$  such that  $\Pi$  is parallel to the plane  $\Pi' : x + 2y - 2z + 3 = 0$  and the distance between the origin and  $\Pi$  is 4 units.

6. Let  $L_1 : \frac{x+2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = z-2$  and  $L_2 : x-3 = 5-y = 1-z$  be two straight lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) Prove that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  intersect at a point and find the coordinates of that point.

(b) Find the acute angle between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

(c) Find the equation of the plane containing  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

7. Let  $\Pi$  be an affine hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  given by the equation  $A_1x_1 + A_2x_2 + \cdots + A_nx_n + B = 0$  and let  $P(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  be a fixed point.

Show that the perpendicular distance between  $\Pi$  and  $P$  is  $\left| \frac{A_1p_1 + A_2p_2 + \cdots + A_np_n + B}{\sqrt{A_1^2 + A_2^2 + \cdots + A_n^2}} \right|$ .

8. Suppose that  $\Pi_1 : x + y + z = 1$  and  $\Pi_2 : x - y + z = 2$  are two planes in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) Show that the intersection of  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$  is a straight line and find a parametric equation of that line.

(b) Find the equation(s) of the plane(s) containing all the points which are equidistant from  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$ .

9. Let  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a curve defined by  $\gamma(t) = (\cos 2t - 1, \sin 2t + 2)$ .

(a) Write down an equation of  $\gamma$  in  $x$  and  $y$  only. What is  $\gamma$ ?

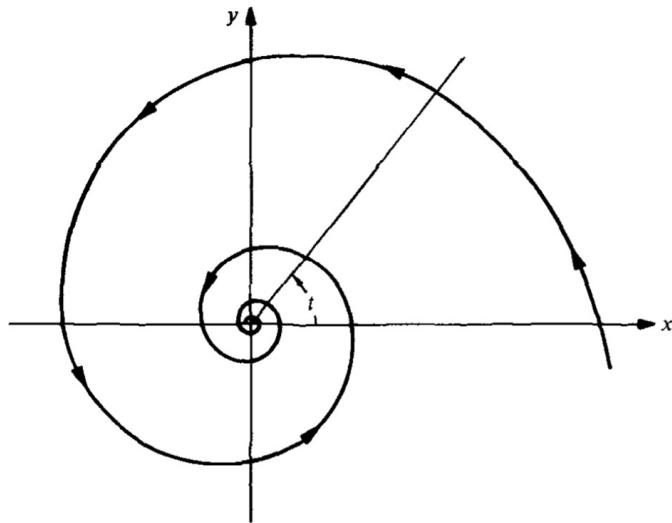
(b) Find  $\gamma'(t)$ .

10. Let  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a curve defined by  $\gamma(t) = (4 \cos 2t, 9 \sin 2t)$ .

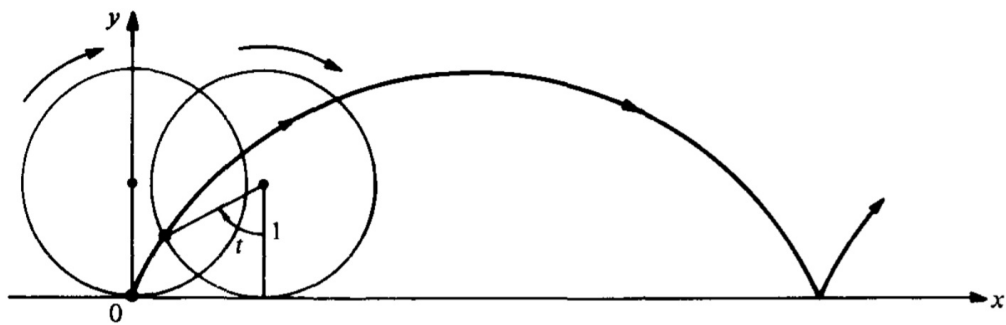
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(b) Find  $\gamma'(t)$ .

11. Let  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Parametrize the straight line  $\gamma$  which passes through  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .
12. Let  $\gamma(t) = (ae^{-bt} \cos t, ae^{-bt} \sin t)$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $a, b > 0$ , which is called the *logarithmic spiral*.



- (a) Show that as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $\gamma(t)$  approaches the origin.
- (b) Show that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^t |\gamma'(t)| dt$  is finite, that is  $\gamma$  has finite arc length in  $[0, +\infty)$ .
13. In the following diagram, a circular disk of radius 1 in the plane  $xy$  rolls without slipping along the  $x$ -axis and the curve is the locus of a fixed point on the circumference which is called a *cycloid*.



- (a) Give a parametrization of the cycloid.
- (b) Find the arc length of the cycloid corresponding to a complete rotation of the disk.